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Chairman's Message

By the time you read this, the hardworking office staff and the Board of Cosmos will have lodged our Application for Admission into the 2001/2002 NSL. This week I'm going to give you some information about the process which Soccer Australia ("SA") has directed us to follow; some of my views about the process; and where the future lies for soccer in Australia and in Canberra.

First, the process. To be in the running for a place in next season's NSL, clubs must first prove that they were a "going concern" on 30 June 2000 and 30 November 2000. Whether or not a club was a "going concern" depends on the ability it had to pay its debts on those dates. We have already questioned Soccer Australia about the application of this requirement in so far as the 30 June date is concerned, because that was before the rebirth of Cosmos FC. We bear no resemblance, financially speaking, to the club as it was at the end of last season. On 30 November our operations were all fully funded and on track for the season, even without the major sponsor we so keenly desire and deserve. SA intends to exclude clubs from further consideration if they do not pass the going concern test on either of the specified dates. It will also be necessary to show that a club will be a going concern for the next three years: how anyone can assess that proposition will be most interesting (perhaps Nostradamus should apply for the job).

The next part of the process is a ranking of the financial strength of clubs. This is where it starts to get bogged down in accounting concepts, but I'll do my best to explain it. There are four areas of financial strength which will be measured. They are net tangible assets on 30 June 2000; net profit or loss for the year ended 30 June 2000; home gate receipts for the same year; and "revenue less gate receipts" for the same year as well. Net tangible assets excludes player valuations, goodwill and licence fees, so that should even things out for a club like ours.

Net profit or loss is limited to football operations: another factor which should exclude favouritism being shown for those teams which are part of a licensed club set up. How SA will untangle the "innovative" accounting that the exclusion of club revenue will create will be interesting and critical to the process. On this test we should do well, or less un-well than others, because everything we do is solely football related.

In relation to home game receipts, whilst our revenue can be expected to be lower than some other clubs with higher gate numbers, the number of free tickets given out by other clubs, and overstated crowd numbers, will count against them. The revenue less gate receipts test appears to be designed to get an idea of how strong your club would be without a crowd at all, which is curious. In any case, for this test one of the factors excluded from the revenue side is player transfer fees, which should avoid an unfair advantage for clubs who transferred expensive players overseas, whether through good planning or good fortune. Our Novell sponsorship of previous seasons will stand us in good stead here.

So, what do I think about the process? To start with, the fact that I'm explaining it to you is not meant to indicate that Cosmos agrees with it, and we have made that quite plain to SA. For example, clubs like Northern Spirit and Newcastle have been given special treatment. SA appears to have a short or selective memory, because Cosmos was itself restructured financially after last season and we also need to be treated differently.

Another problem I have is that the criteria for admission were not pre-advised to clubs so that clubs could compete for a place knowing what the rules would be. I think this is most regrettable. It's like having our team turn up for a game, only to be told that they've already lost because the statistics showed that they defended more than they attacked in their last game! Coupled with that concern is the radical approach to culling the NSL that has been chosen. I don't think there is one Chairman in the NSL who agrees that four clubs should go out at once! The degree of hardship that SA will cause to soccer businesses, players and communities of fans has not been properly evaluated.

I think I've gone past my word count, which doesn't leave much time for my prognosis about the future. Soccer is Australia's number one junior football sport. The NSL has too little say in its own development. A powerful NSL Commission must be created, with full responsibility for marketing and management of the NSL. Catchment areas for clubs should be established, and State Federations need to have better regard for the NSL clubs in their region as the flagships for promoting the game, as Soccer Canberra has done with us.

And what of Canberra, and our future in the NSL? With your loyalty and support for the most competitive team in the NSL, and with continued good management and strong relationships within our unique and powerful community, our pledge to you is this: we will never give up. We commit Cosmos to Canberra and to our fans, our players and our kids. From all of us at Cosmos FC, our very best wishes for a safe, successful and fun New Year for all our valued supporters.

Danny Moulis, Chairman, Canberra Cosmos FC

Cosmos News - Preview

Last season the Kingz Football Club made history by being the first team from another country to be admitted to the Australian National Soccer League.

Not only that, but they did very well, finishing eighth in the league.

They appear not to have had as good a start this season, although at the time of writing they still have to play Brisbane Strikers and Parramatta Power before coming to Bruce Stadium. It may be that by this evening Cosmos and Kingz may be very close on the ladder although, hopefully, Cosmos will have stretched their three-point lead they had over the Kingz two weeks ago.

Interestingly all our games against the Kingz so far will have been played this year. Our very first encounter was also our first match for 2000 when, in Auckland on 3 January, Cosmos went down 3-1.

Our second meeting at Bruce Stadium towards the end of last season had a better outcome when the Kingz were defeated 2-1, Ivo de Jesus scoring both goals for the home side.

Now we meet for the third time and for our final game of the year. There may appear to be little between the two sides but tonight the Kingz will experience a very different Cosmos from their previous encounters. For a start they will find many different players in the squad but, more importantly, the Kingz will also find themselves up against a team of much greater determination and character.

The most familiar name in the Kingz line-up remains player-coach Winton Rufer, always a class act and a threat to opponents. Winton Rufer will doubtless receive close attention from the Cosmos defence as will top scorer for the Kingz last season, Aaron Silver (11 goals).

If all goes well, Cosmos should be taking the field tonight with close to a full strength side. We should win this one.

John Bonnett

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Sermanni Says...

Although we are at the end of another calendar year, there is still a long way to go in the season.

To date the season has produced more positive moments than frustrating ones, especially when you consider we had to put virtually a complete new team together over a very limited period of time

As such I'm really quite pleased with the way things have gone up to now. From my own perspective I have a squad of players who are very receptive to my ideas and the style of football I like my teams to play. I also have a group of lads who are prepared to do jobs for the benefit of the team, regardless of their personal preferences. It's a real team in the broadest sense of the word, close, mutually supportive and with the common objective of being successful.

The team has also shown that it can score goals. Knowing that we have players who can create chances and score goals is a great boost to everyone's confidence. That coupled with our positive attitude and great determination makes us a very dangerous opponent. Our "never say die" attitude has been reflected by the way in which we have scored goals late in matches and come from behind in many of our games.

However it is important to note that we still have a long season ahead of us and that things can change very quickly in football. We, as a team, must realise that unless we give at least 100% every week, we can quickly fall by the wayside. I also believe that, although we have done quite well so far, this team has still to reach its peak and has more to offer than it has produced so far.

It's also worth mentioning that a lot of positive things have been happening around the club. If the good things continue both on and off the field I believe there is a promising future ahead for the Cosmos.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our supporters and the many people who work with me and the team, for their terrific support and loyalty. I receive most of the publicity and the headlines, but there are an awful lot of people beavering away behind the scenes that form the beating heart of the Cosmos.

I would like to wish everyone connected with the Cosmos a safe, prosperous and happy New Year.

Tom Sermanni
Head Coach, Canberra Cosmos FC

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Football Facts

ACT Youth Star in Australian Schoolboys' Tour Wins (continued)

In the last edition of Rising Star, Chris Conti began the story of the Australian Schoolboys' A team November tour of the South Pacific which began in Noumea, capital of New Caledonia. Two lads from the the ACT were members of the squad, Amied Shadmaan and Danny Agnello both from the ACT Academy of Sport. In this edition Chris, who was Tour Leader, continues the story as the squad leaves Noumea.

The squad then moved on to Port Vila in Vanuatu, where Carlos Buzetti is National Coach. Here the Australian team played two games against the Vanuatu U'20s and one against a combination of the Vanuatu senior team and the U'20s. The first game, played in torrential tropical rain, was a thriller that Australia won 2-1, the winner coming in stoppage time.

The second game was equally dramatic with Australia scoring the winning goal again in the final minutes, despite being a man down after David Scarsella, the keeper, had been sent off for bringing down a player with only the keeper to beat. Scarsella, the son of Soccer Australia's Chairman, Basil Scarsella, had been a hero with a number of match winning saves before the send off.

In the final tour game, injury and fatigue prevented Australia from putting up more stubborn resistance against an older and tougher Vanuatu Senior team which won 3-0.

The ACT contingent in the squad acquitted themselves extremely well. Shadmaan was vice-captain of the squad and was one of the most consistent players, while Agnello, the youngest player in the squad, continued his development and gained valuable experience from the tour of difficult playing conditions and changing styles of play.

As a result of the tour Shadmaan has been invited to join the Australian Schoolboys First Team which will be seen in Canberra in January 2001, when they will take part in the inaugural International Youth Tournament against Northern Ireland, Wales and New Zealand.

Australian Tour Results:

New Caledonia U'17s Game I	Won 5-0
New Caledonia U'17s Game2	Won 10-1
Vanuatu U'20s Game 1	Won 2-1
Vanuatu U'20s Game 2	Won 3-2
Vanuatu Combined Senior/U'20s	Lost 0-3

Chris Conti

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4 Luke Morgan
5 Ryan O'Grady
6 Phillip Yarnold
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8 Daniel Byrne
9 Daniel Raad
10 Brent Turner
11 Adam Williams
12 Yosef Zamora
13 Daniel Aliffi
14 Daniel Camara
15 Paul Ivanic
16 Ned Aleksic
17 Mile Kosanovic
18 Michael McKenna

1 Phil Weston
2 Stefan Del Zio
3 Brett Studman
4 Pat Kassoum
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1 Angelo Konstantinou
3 Toplica Popovich
4 Andy Ravanello
5 Nic Purdue
6 Naoki Imaya
7 Mark Hagger
8 David Milin
9 Alex Castro
10 Jon Angelucci
11 David Arranz
12 Milton Cortes
13 Shane Lyons
14 Andy Rakic
15 Marcus Phillips
16 Ilija Prenzoski
17 Robbie Hooker
18 Brad Scott
19 Hiroshi Miyazawa
20 Barney Smith

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1 Julio Cuello
2 Che Bunce
3 Aaron Lines
4 Levent Osman
5 Jonathan Perry
6 Chris Jackson
7 Wynton Rufer
8 Gerard Davis
9 Paul Urlovic
10 Andreas Bluhm
11 Dennis Ibrahim
12 Harry Ngata
13 Jeffrey Campbell
14 Noah Hickey
15 Ivan Vicelich
16 Lee Jones
17 Leigh Kenyon
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UC Youth Cosmos - Player Profile

Daniel Aliffi

Eighteen-year-old midfielder Daniel Aliffi began playing football at such a young age he has trouble recalling exactly when he first began to kick a ball around.

Originally from Sydney, Daniel moved to Goulburn at the age of seven and has since played youth representative football for the Wollongong Wolves, Southern Spirit and the ACT Academy.

Like his hero, Juventus star Alessandro Del Piero, Daniel enjoys the role of goal-poacher, but has had to show his versatility this season.

"I thought I was going to be playing forward at the start of the season, but with all these injuries now I'm playing in the midfield," he said.

Daniel, who travels from Goulburn for training and matches, is currently studying information technology at TAFE, but would love to make a career out of the sport he loves.

He's been happy with his own form this season and feels that if things start going the Youth Cosmos' way the team will consolidate on their recent form.

"I think we've got a good team," Daniel said. "We've got a lot of injuries, but if we had our full team we'd go good."

Daniel's short-term goals are to make the bench of Tom Sermanni's senior Cosmos squad and hopefully even an NSL debut.

UC Youth Cosmos coach Tony Brennan rates Daniel's ability very highly.

"He's very talented," Tony said.

"He's very strong on both feet, very dedicated and does the work of three players. With a bit more experience, he has a great future in the game and I know that Tommy has a high regard for him."

Greg Welsh

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The Supporters Club hopes everyone had a safe and enjoyable Christmas. We extend our best wishes for the New Year ahead. Whatever else awaits us, I'm sure we're all looking forward to some exciting football over the remainder of the season.

Our Supporters Club pre-Christmas function was held on 17 December. Members gathered for a picnic at Lennox Gardens, by Lake Burley Griffin (Lotus Bay). We had a very enjoyable time.

The success of our away trips continues. Supporters have had a great time both at the football and on the bus. Trips so far have been great fun, with plenty of excitement. Future away trips are likely to the two remaining NSW-based games. These are against: - Northern Spirit on Friday, 5 January, 2001, 7.30pm, at North Power Stadium (Grahame Park), Gosford; and Sydney Olympic on Sunday 1 April 2001, time and venue to be confirmed.

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Tonight, the New Zealand-based Kingz FC return to Bruce. The Supporters Club is looking forward to some great football action. This is the last match at Bruce Stadium for the Year 2000. When we return we will have entered a new Millennium and Australia's Centenary of Federation year. Our best wishes to Canberra Cosmos in tonight's match against Kingz FC.

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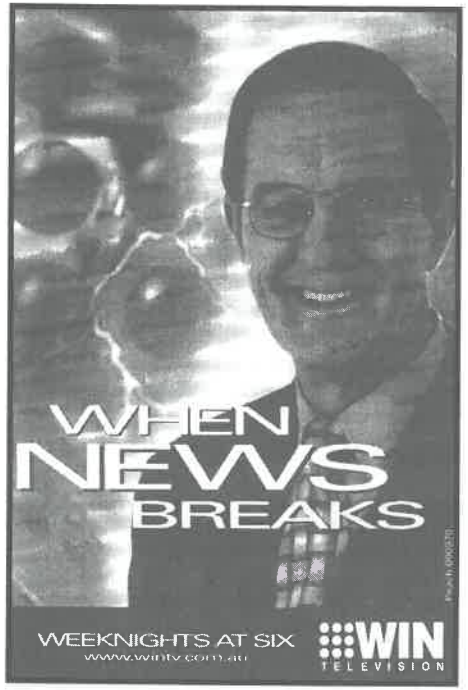

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2	Wollongong	10	6	2	2	19	13	6	20
3	South Melbourne	10	5	4	1	20	9	11	19
4	Perth Glory	9	5	2	2	18	9	9	17
5	Parramatta Power	10	5	1	4	16	13	3	16
6	Northern Spirit	10	3	5	2	13	9	4	14
7	Melbourne Knights	10	4	2	4	15	16	-1	14
8	Carlton	8	3	4	1	13	9	4	13
9	Marconi Stallions	10	3	4	3	11	10	1	13
10	Adelaide City Force	9	4	1	4	12	16	-4	13
11	Sydney United	10	3	3	4	13	20	-7	12
12	**Canberra Cosmos**	**10**	**3**	**2**	**5**	**18**	**19**	**-1**	**11**
13	Brisbane Strikers	10	2	4	4	13	17	-4	10
14	Kingz FC	10	2	3	5	14	20	-7	9
15	Newcastle United	10	1	4	5	6	19	-13	7
16	Eastern Pride	10	0	3	7	11	21	-10	3

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